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For: LITHOGRAPHY SIMULATION) Confirmation No.: 3464
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CORRECTION METHOD, AND)
SUBSTRATE TOPOGRAPHY)
CORRECTION METHOD)

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Japanese Publication No. 2002-6475 is discussed on page 1 of the application.

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